

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 1-5 with the following paragraph:

An example of the scanning mode is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,703,359 ("the '359 patent). In accordance with the '359 patent, the user sets the device to be controllable by the remote control unit to execute some observable action when receiving a specific command signal from the remote, referred to as a "response-evoking signal."

Replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 1-7 with the following paragraph:

At step 100 power to the device 20 to be programmed is turned on. Then at step 110, the programming button 38 is pressed. The lights associated with the device buttons 50 will then rotate being lit in a timed sequence, e.g., one second intervals, while the programming button 38 is being pressed. The programming button 38 is released when the light associated with the device one wishes to program lights up (step 120). The light associated with the device button that was selected will remain lighted for a period of time, e.g., thirty seconds.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 8-15 with the following paragraph:

In step 130, a device code number (generally three digits) is then entered by sequential depression of the corresponding digit buttons while the device light is on (i.e., within the thirty-second period after the programming button 38 is released) and while the universal remote control 10 is pointed at the device 20. The device 20 will turn off if the device code number is correct. If the device 20 does not turn off (step 140) another device code is entered. Steps 130 and 140 are repeated until the device turns off. After this occurs, the programming mode is exited (step 150) by depressing the programming button 37 once again or by depressing any pre-designated button.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 16-19 with the following paragraph:

Alternatively, as seen in Fig. 4, in order to prevent unintentional programming, in lieu of only pressing the programming button [[37]] 38 in step 110 of Fig. 3, the programming button [[37]] 38 and another functional button, e.g., the mute button 43, are simultaneously pressed in step 110A.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 20-24 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 5 shows a further alternative which eliminates the need for a separate programming button. Instead, as seen in step 110B, the code entry process may be initiated by simultaneously pressing any two functional buttons, such as the mute and enter push buttons 43 and [[37]] 38, or the mute and select push buttons 43 and 41 for a period of time (e.g., three seconds).

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 26 and ending on page 8, line 13 with the following paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 6 - 8, in using in the “point and press” method of programming the universal a remote control 10 in accordance with the first embodiment of the invention, after the device 20 one wishes to control is turned on (step 200, Figs. 6 - 8), the programming button [[37]] 38, or the programming button 37 and another functional button, or two functional buttons (hereinafter “setting button or buttons”), are pressed (step 210, Fig.6; step 210A, Fig.7; or step 200B, Fig.8) to cause lights associated with the device 20 to rotate. When the light associated with the selected device 20 lights up, the setting button (or buttons) is released (step 220, Figs.6 - 8). The universal remote control 10 is then pointed at the selected device 20 and a functional button (e.g., the channel up button 31 or the channel down button 32) is pressed (step 230, Figs.6 - 8). The functional button is released when the selected device executes a desired function, such as turning off.(step 240, Figs.6 - 8). After this occurs, the programming mode is exited (step 250) by depressing the programming button [[37]] 38 once again or by depressing any pre-designated button. The remote control is now programmed to operate the device.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 19 and ending on page 9, line 3 with the following paragraph:

Turning first to Figs. 9 -11, the first step of the code entry method of the second embodiment, like the first step of the first embodiment, is to turn on the power of the device 20 to be programmed off (step 300, Figs.9 - 11). Then, the programming button [[37]] 38, or the programming button [[37]] 38 and another functional button, or two functional buttons (hereinafter “setting buttons or buttons”), are pressed (step 310, Fig. 9; step 310A, Fig.10; or step 310B Fig.11). A light associated with one of the device buttons 50 will light and stay on, indicating that the remote control 10 is in a programming mode (step 320, Figs.9 - 11). Preferably, the device button that stays on is the one on either the extreme right or left of the remote control 10. The light is then moved manually (step 330, Figs.9 - 11) by the user to the device button 50 representing the device to be programmed by using the left or right directional buttons 42 of the remote control.

Replace the paragraph on page 9, lines4-11 with the following paragraph:

A device code number (generally three digits) is then entered by sequential depression of the corresponding digit buttons while the device light is on and while the universal remote control 10 is pointed at the device (step340, Figs.9 - 11). The device will turn off if the device code number is correct. If the device does not turn off, another device code is entered. (Step 350, Figs.9 - 11). Steps 340 and 350 are repeated until the device turns off. After this occurs, the programming mode is exited by depressing the programming button [[37]] 38 (step 360, Figs.9 - 11) or by depressing any pre-designated button.